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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing to be Given Senate Subcommittee Staff Group on 27 April

25X1 1. [] informed me on 20 April that David Martin, senior analyst for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, accompanied by retired Marine General Walt and Marine Major Wayne Gillies will be leaving on 31 May on a study trip on narcotics. They will start in Korea, will go to Southeast Asia (Thailand, Laos, the Golden Triangle), the Middle East (how many and which countries not specified), and then will visit Marseilles, Paris, Bonn, and Mexico City. They will be getting a number of briefings beforehand, and we will be briefing them first. Our briefing of them is scheduled for 1500 to 1730 hours on Thursday, 27 April in room 3232 of the New Senate Office Building.

25X1 2. [] and I, possibly accompanied by one or more persons from DDI and/or DDP, will handle the briefing.

25X1 3. [] has talked with Mr. Martin with regard to their specific interests, and reports the following:

a. Martin says that they are in possession of "conflicting information" on Chinese Communist involvement in illicit narcotics trafficking. He referred to a [] and some other document or publication, and said both indicated the Chinese Communist are involved.

b. Martin said they understand that the Soviet Union has a "clean bill of health" in this area, and they are quite satisfied that the Soviet Union is not involved in illicit drug trafficking.

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c. Martin said they were interested in the sources of opium and the "machinery" for distribution.

d. Martin referred to "similarity of packaging" and said this suggested a "common hand."

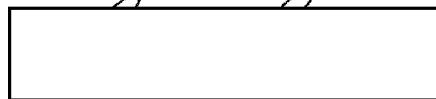
e. Martin referred to "politics" in Thailand and Laos; he cited, for example, a Baltimore Sun article to the effect that the Communists are recruiting Meos, stating that under them the Meos would not have to give up opium poppy cultivation.

f. Martin said they are interested in the KMT remnants in Southeast Asia and in knowing to what extent the Chinese Nationalists exercise control over these KMT remnants.

g. Martin said they were intensely interested in "heroin flow" to our forces in the Far East.

h. Martin said he understands that this heroin trafficking is largely in the hands of overseas Chinese, and he said they were interested in the extent to which the Chinese Communists have "infiltrated" the overseas Chinese, and he also indicated interest in knowing of contacts between the overseas Chinese and Mainland China.

i. Martin also indicated interest in the role of "coffee houses" in the distribution of drugs and the correlation between "leftists" and drugs.



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Remarks:

For your information.

I don't see any major problem, though we may pass on the question indicated in paragraph 3i of the attached.

Thurs. 3:00

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